

A Gospel Worldview – Lesson 1

Living a Lie – Romans 1:16-32

What has shaped and influenced your world view, besides faith?

The Purpose of Paul's Letter to Rome

The letter to the church in Rome explained the foundation of Paul's theology of the Gospel.

- Paul was planning for Rome to be his home base as he started a missionary journey to Spain.
- Paul wanted to provide this theology in writing in case he never made his journey to Spain. (He was aware that prison was in his future.)
- He wanted to address the issues between the Jewish and Gentile believers in Rome.

The overall Theme of Romans is the Gospel – Which includes the salvation experienced through Christ and the righteousness obtained through faith.

Paul's Thesis Statement - Romans 1:16-17

These two verses establish the theme for the rest of the letter. Similar to a thesis paper.

- Salvation
- Justification by Faith
- Righteousness through faith

God's Wrath Against Sin - Romans 1:18-20

- How many people in our culture today, think of God as a being that will bring "Wrath against the Wicked."
- Anger is not the best word to use. Wrath is more than anger. However, to believe that God would never be angry with our sin is a wrong perception.
- A Biblical Worldview involves understanding God's holiness and God's negative reaction to sin.

Ignoring the Truth leads to Consequences - Romans 1:21-31

The Three statements on Exchanging God's Truth

1. Verses 22-23 – Idolatry
2. Verse 25 - 26 – Sexual Sin
3. Verses 26b-28 – Sin against the Created Order of Men and Women
 - Turning away from the knowledge of God leads to doing what you ought not to do. (Paul lists many sins)
 - The world's view of sin is distorted. (Not understanding what is right and what is wrong.)

If you discount or ignore sin, then your worldview is not based on a Gospel Worldview. (Biblical worldview)

Approval of Sin is a Sin - Romans 1:32

How do Christians love our Neighbors and at the same time not give approval to sin?

Remember:

- It is not our job to condemn people. John 3:17
- Only God can judge.
- It is not our job to Judge and correct those outside the church. Only those inside the church. (correct them) 1 Corinthians 5:12
- Our responsibility is to share God's love with others regardless of their lifestyle.

With all that in mind, be very careful that you never give approval to sin.

Final Thoughts:

- Ignoring God and His Truth is a Sin.
- When we begin to neglect God, we are tempted to worship the created and not the creator.
- God's Passive Judgment leads to sin and eventually eternal death.